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TO: MBI School Teams

FROM: Susan Bailey-Anderson Mary Ellen Earnhardt
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RE: MBI, Character Education and Learn and Serve Youth Day(s)

DATE: October 2009

**“The most satisfying thing in life is to have been able
to give a large part of one’s self to others.”
Pierre Teilhard de Chardin**



Greetings! Effective school change requires wide stakeholder participation. Engaging the student voice in designing and implementing school change can be very powerful. We can make a difference – one student and one school at a time.

An invitation is extended to you and your middle school and high school students to participate with the MBI, Character Education and Service-Learning Youth Day(s) for 2009-2010. On Sunday, we will begin at 2:00 p.m. and conclude by 8:00 p.m. On Monday, we will begin at 7:45 a.m. and conclude by 2:00 p.m. A meal will be served on Sunday evening and a morning snack and lunch on Monday. Your school will be reimbursed for travel, lodging (if you should need it) and per diem at the current state rates. Following are the dates and locations:

November 1 & 2 – Missoula
November 8 & 9 – Great Falls
November 15 & 16 – Bozeman

November 22 & 23 - Billings
December 6 & 7– Miles City

Bobby Petrocelli, speaker, author, educator and coach will be working with the youth day teams. Bobby will share with our youth the power of their decisions and how to build a strong foundation for their lives. He is the author of several books, including 10 Seconds Will Change Your Life Forever.

Please check out his Web site at: www.10seconds.org. Please play your part and join us for a memorable Youth Day experience. Everything in the world starts with one person, one decision.

Additionally, Randy Chase, MBI Consultant and teacher at Castle Rock Middle School, Billings, will be facilitating the entire event. Activities are planned so that students will have the opportunity to work with students from other schools, as well as with their own teams.

The experience from past Youth Days was enthusiastic, motivating, and all who attended had a great time. The event will be structured so that teams of students and school staff will create action plans for their school site regarding the implementation of the MBI process and service learning, as well as addressing leadership skills, asset building, and bully prevention at their school. Sessions and activities will be mostly student directed with school staff participation.

This event includes opportunities for fun, networking, and developing future and current leaders. We are considering making arrangements to have this Youth Day videotaped as well. If your school has not received permission to videotape your students, please utilize the attached permission form and return it to the Office of Public Instruction (OPI). You will need to make additional copies for your students.

Service-Learning Projects

Teams will conduct service-learning projects at each of the locations on Monday of the event. Please come prepared to work and dress for the weather. Some service-learning sites will be outside.

Poster Session

Please plan to set up a poster session to introduce your school and service-learning projects conducted in the past year. Tables will be available for each school site. Poster display boards work really well as may other types of media display. Tell something about your school, your team, service, learning, etc. Please indicate on the Registration/RSVP form if you will need a table for the poster session.

Door Prizes

We are asking each school to bring two or more items from their school and community that can be shared with other participants as door prizes. These door prizes have been a hit at past Youth Days! Thank you so much for the help with this as it really adds to the experience at the Youth Day.

Registration

Please plan to attend this event and bring 10-12 participants. This includes both students and staff. In selecting students, please include a broad spectrum of you student population, including student leaders and future student leaders. A cross section of your student population would be ideal in promoting diverse ideas and thoughts. Please complete the attached Registration/RSVP form indicating the number and names of both students and staff who will be attending. This is important to adequately plan for meals and/or other activities.

Please return the following forms to Susan Bailey-Anderson, PO Box 202501, Helena, MT 59620-2501; Fax - 406-444-3924.

- ♦ **RSVP/Registration**
- ♦ **Permission Form**

When the RSVP/Registration Form is received at the OPI, you will receive a confirmation letter with detailed information regarding sites and lodging.

For questions, please call me at (406)444-2046 or e-mail sbanderson@mt.gov

Attachments

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- ☐ MISSOULA – NOVEMBER 1-2, 2009 – Fax or mail back by October 24, 2009
- ☐ GREAT FALLS – NOVEMBER 8-9, 2009 – Fax or mail back by October 30, 2009
- ☐ BOZEMAN – NOVEMBER 15-16, 2009 – Fax or mail back by November 6, 2009
- ☐ BILLINGS – NOVEMBER 22-23, 2009 – Fax or mail back by November 13, 2009
- ☐ MILES CITY- DECEMBER 6-7, 2009 - Fax or mail back by November 27, 2009

School _____ Contact Name _____ Phone _____

E-mail address _____ ☐ Reserve table for poster session

Student Name

Student Name

Staff /Chaperone Name



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I give permission for the Office of Public Instruction, Helena, Montana, to publish my child's appearance in a training video for the Montana Behavioral Initiative and Service-Learning Youth Day(s) 2009 for distribution to schools involved with the MBI and Service-Learning processes to increase awareness of emerging best practices in Montana schools.

Date of Permission: _____

Student's Name (please print): _____

Student's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian (please print): _____

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